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Plans. The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to productive employment which will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sector and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterized by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradicating of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samriddhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a Central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in both rural and urban areas.

Recognition to Yenopaya Hospital, Mangalore under E.S.I. Scheme

1304. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the hospitals recognised by the Employees State Insurance Corporation for providing treatment to employees under ESI Scheme in Mangalore;

(b) whether Government are aware that Yenopaya Hospital is a super speciality Hospital in Mangalore; and

(c) whether Government have recognised Yenopaya Hospital, Mangalore for the purposes of medical treatment to the employees covered under ESI Scheme in Mangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations except in Delhi and NOIDA where it is being directly administered by the ESIC.

The State Government of Karnataka has recognised Father Mull's Hospital, Mangalore and Kasturba Medical College Hospital, Manipal, as referral hospitals in Mangalore for the beneficiaries of ESI Scheme. Some of the hospitals including Yenopaya hospital have applied to the State Government for a tie-up with the ESI Scheme. The State Government has not made any assessment of hospitals having super-speciality facilities so far.

Legislation for health, safety and social security of agricultural workers

1305. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are bringing a comprehensive legislation for health, safety and social security of agricultural workers in the line of the convention and recommendation passed in 2001 ILO Conference held at Geneva; and

(b) when Government propose to rectify the convention for health, safety and social security for agricultural workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) India supported and welcomed the adoption of the proposed Convention accompanied by a Recommendation on Safety & Health in Agriculture in the 89th Session of International Labour Conference (June 2001). There is no proposal to bring a comprehensive legislation for health, safety and social security of agricultural workers on the lines of the Convention adopted by ILO at present. The decision to ratify a Convention is taken only after extensive examination of the provisions of the Convention and the implications of ratification of the Convention by means of consultation with the stakeholders, i.e., the Central Organisations of the Workers and Employers, Central Ministries/ Departments and State Governments.